(c) whether Government have made any recommendations in this regard in National Urban Housing Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy 2005 is not yet finalized.

Task Force for street vendors

2879. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a Task Force to look into the problems of street vendors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Task Force has submitted its report in 2003; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) A Task Force was set up by the Government of India in 2001 to look into various issues relating to Street Vendors and to suggest guidelines for the State Governments and Urban Local Bodies for the regulation of street vending in an orderly manner. A draft policy was submitted by the Task Force in 2002. After obtaining the comments/ suggestions of the stakeholders *viz.* States/Union Territories/Ministries/ Departments etc., the National Policy on Urban Street Vendors, which are model guidelines, was formulated by this Ministry and approved by the Government on 20.1.2004. The policy was circulated to States/Union Territories Governments for suitable and appropriate adoption in the overall interests of the urban street vendors, with or without changes to suit local conditions, and also respecting any court decisions which may impinge on the issue.